

HSA Meeting October 15, 2018 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7pm in the library.

In person attendance: Mrs. Furlong, Mrs. Rowinski, Jorge Negron, Lilia Bunick, Siobhain Yale, Annmarie Sullivan, Allison Polverari, Melanie Khan, Michelle Geoffrey, Margaret Palmeri, Aimee Uluski

On phone attendance: Helen Tine and others, attendance not taken

Special guest – Ralph Lango of M&R Fundraisers presented products and discussed the success of his company. 40% profits go to the school. Frozen pies, cakes and cookie dough. Samples were given.

Communication

- Opening Prayer – Mrs. Rowinski
- Pastor's Report – Mrs. Furlong
 - The \$10,000 for the new server upgrades has been put in place. We should see much better performance in our email service going forward. A special thanks to Frank Johnson and Steve Burbank for their help.
- Principal's Report/NEASC Update
 - We are using the \$5,000 grant we received from the John G. Martin Foundation and Mr. Frank Loehmann for the Connecticut Science Center. They will be here the last week of January, during Catholic Schools Week. The balance left over from the grant will be used to purchase tickets for those students that were not able to experience the museum recently.
 - NEASC visitation dates have been scheduled for October 20-23, 2019. We are in the second phase of planning and all is going well.
 - Tuesday, October 16th is High School Information night at the school. All are welcome to attend
 - October 17th and 18th are 1:05 dismissal for teacher conferences.
 - Friday, October 19th is the 8th grade field trip to the Franciscan Center.
 - Trunk or Treat party will take place in lieu of the traditional Halloween Party. It will be held on Friday, October 26th. Cars will need to sign up. Pizza will be sold in the Dining Hall. There will be the teacher's pumpkin contest. A DJ will be set up outside. A flyer will be going out this week.
 - Dress down for Halloween Candy will be Monday, October 22nd.
 - There will be a fire truck visiting the lower wing on Monday, October 29th.
 - The Halloween Parade for PK3-3 will be held at 2pm on October 31st. Classroom Halloween parties will be held after that at 2:30pm.
 - Homework Club is back! Thank you to Mrs. Amy Franco for volunteering Mondays and Tuesdays. Wednesdays still needs confirmation.
 - Siobhain Yale is stepping down as HSA Treasurer. HSA is looking for a new Treasurer. Anyone interested, please contact us at hsa@stbridgetschool.org.
- Teacher's Report – Mrs. Geoffrey
 - Early dismissal for NEASC team meeting was productive. Standards for the team have been set.
 - Visited St. Mary's in Milford for a conference with other teachers in the Archdiocese. It was fantastic to re-energize with others and catch up on what is going on within the state.

- The students have been busy with cheerleading, soccer and now Robotics starting up.
- The teachers have been training to use the 3-D printers. They will be very productive to incorporate STEM and (STREAM) concepts. The new carts are great.
- Mrs. Geoffrey's class was donated a Wonder Workshop Dash and Dot robot. They are looking forward to using it
- Treasurer's Report –
 - Copies distributed, available upon request
- School Board Report – Margaret Palmeri
 - Mrs. Palmeri's Saint Bridget School Spirit Wear hat was worn during her recent trip to Ireland.
 - There is a new Finance Committee member – Gino Genovice.
 - They will have three new members of the Nominating Committee.
 - Dr. Pea and Mr. Hanson will have a new handbook for the Athletic Committee shortly.
 - The Marketing Committee will be re-instated. They will be working with Christina Cummings.
 - The Strategic Planning committee has been working with our IT department.
- Fundraisers for 2018-2019
 - BoxTops are due next Friday. We will be having a Flast Contest to quickly collect more BoxTops before the deadline. We will be involved again in the springtime before the next deadline.
 - Allison Polverari – the Scrip and Scrip Wallet fundraising is going well – many people are using it now. There will be a Shret-It paper shredding event November 17th in the church parking lot from 9am-12pm. The cost of the truck is \$500; everything raised above that cost is profit. \$10/letter-sized copy paper box, \$15/legal-sized copy paper box and bags. It will be open to the community. Students can earn hours by helping unload cars. Flyers will be sent out next week.
 - There will be a 2019 Auction Meeting October 27th at 9am in the school library.
- Social/Community Events for 2018-2019
 - Melanie Khan – there will be a Cheerfest for cheerleaders at our school on March 30th, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm